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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 585



Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislation seeks to declare December 19 of every year as a special non-working holiday in Muntinlupa City, to be known as "*Muntinlupa City Foundation Day*".

Records of the rich history of Muntinlupa goes way back to 1601 when it was still under the religious supervision of the Augustinians. The religious education of the residents was under the convent of the Guadalupe Sanctuary until one Quijano Bustamante bought from the residents the land of Muntinlupa. In 1869, the project of forming a town out of the barrios of Muntinlupa was approved by the Civil Government.

In 1901, Muntinlupa was one of the districts of Morong, Rizal and on November 25, 1903, by Act 1008 of the Philippine Commission, the Municipality of Muntinlupa was included within the boundary of Laguna Province and placed under *Biñan* along with San Pedro. Muntinlupa protested against this Act, through Marcelo Fresnedi, the head of Municipality.

On March 22, 1905, Muntinlupa was returned to the Rizal Province and became a part of Taguig along with the municipality of Pateros through Act 1308.

The residents later petitioned the government for an independent status of the Municipality. This was granted on December 19, 1917 through Executive Order No. 108 issued by Governor General Francis Burton Harrison.

On March 1, 1995, Republic Act 7926 was passed into law and converted the Municipality of Muntinlupa into a highly urbanized and chartered city.

Commemorating the 19th of December as a special non-working holiday in Muntinlupa City is more than just a symbolic gesture—it is a reaffirmation of the identity, values, and unwavering commitment to progress of its people. This day serves as a reflection of the heritage and achievements of the people of Muntinlupa and commemorates

not just the birth of a municipality, but the resilience of a people united in their pursuit of progress as well. This proposed legislation is aligned with the quest to preserve Muntinlupa's heritage, to empower its people and to honor the past but paving the way for a future filled with promise and possibility.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
DECLARING MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA TO BE KNOWN AS "MUNTINLUPA CITY
CHARTER DAY" AND DECEMBER 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF MUNTINLUPA CITY, TO BE
KNOWN AS "MUNTINLUPA CITY FOUNDATION DAY", AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9191

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9191, entitled "An Act Declaring the First Day of March of Every Year as a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of Muntinlupa to be Known as the Muntinlupa City Charter Day" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. March 1 of every year is hereby declared a special [non-] working holiday in the City of Muntinlupa to be known as "Muntinlupa City Charter Day" in order to commemorate the Charter Anniversary of the said city."

IN ADDITION, DECEMBER 19 OF EVERY YEAR IS HEREBY DECLARED AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "MUNTINLUPA CITY FOUNDATION DAY."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,